

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2008.

I. Summary of Objections and Rejections

The Office Action rejected claims 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite.

The Office Action rejected claims 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as having insufficient antecedent basis.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Doolittle et al. (US 20020194377).

II. Summary of Applicants' Response

The present Reply amends claims 6 and 10, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1-10. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

III. Response to 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections to Claims 6-10

The claims were amended to better define embodiments of Applicants' invention.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended even more fully meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are not indefinite.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended even more fully meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and do not suffer from insufficient antecedent basis.

IV. Response to 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejections to Claims 1-10

The claims were amended to better define embodiments of Applicants' invention.

Claim 1

Claim 1 states:

A computer program product for execution by a server computer for implementing a two-phase commit protocol, comprising:

computer code for dispatching a first two-phase commit protocol operation from a first thread to a second thread, the first two-phase commit protocol operation associated with a first resource and a first phase of two-phase commit protocol;

computer code for processing a second two-phase commit protocol operation by the first thread, the second two-phase commit protocol operation associated with a second resource and the first phase of two-phase commit protocol; and

computer code for determining the first two-phase commit protocol operation is complete.

The Office Action cited Doolittle as disclosing the features of Claim 1. Doolittle does not mention the two-phase commit protocol. The features of Claim 1 are therefore not disclosed by Doolittle.

Claim 1 requires “computer code for dispatching a first two-phase commit protocol operation from a first thread to a second thread, the first two-phase commit protocol operation associated with a first resource and a first phase of two-phase commit protocol.” The Office Action argued that figures 3A and 3B, and paragraphs 53-54, 65, and 78 disclosed these features of Claim 1. The cited figures and paragraphs do not disclose the two-phase commit protocol. Therefore, Claim 1 is not anticipated by Doolittle.

Applicants respectfully submit that the embodiment as defined in Independent Claim 1 is neither anticipated by nor obvious in view of Doolittle. Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection to claim 1 be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims

Dependent Claims 2-5 depend from Claim 1. For at least the reasons discussed above with regard to Claim 1, dependent Claims 2-5 are also patentable. Dependent claims 2-5 add their own features which render them patentable in their own right. Independent Claim 6 and dependent Claims 7-10 are also patentable for the reasons above. Independent Claim 6 and dependent claims 7-10 add their own features which render them patentable in their own right.

V. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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